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Crombie Rose Nursery

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Foreword

Another season has ended and we write this catalog of our roses for the coming year, with keen optimism. Having completed our most successful season of rose business in 27 years, and with the fields of new roses never looking better, naturally we are optimistic.

It is gratifying to note the popularity of roses in the home gardens increasing year by year. We enjoy sharing your enthusiasm. In fact, we almost envy the excited pride so many of you display while telling us of the size and number of blooms produced by your pet varieties.

High praise should be directed to the many rose societies whose members give generously of information gained by experience. We urge you to join your nearest rose society. You will then be advised as to varieties best suited for your particular locality. At regular meetings the various phases of rose culture are discussed; planting, spraying, fertilizing and even pruning demonstrations are conducted.

While attending various rose shows, we always marvel at the spirit of cooperation and good fellowship that prevails, everyone working in harmony for the success of the show . . . and after the judging, sharing the pride of the fortunate ones who have won blue ribbons.

We are fortunate in having the criticism and comments on the new varieties, as observed by Mr. and Mrs. Crombie in their own private garden in the San Joaquin Valley at Ceres, California. There, temperatures frequently stay above 100 degrees for several days during the Summer months and the soil is light and sandy. Varieties marked ** are particularly well suited for California interior valleys and other hot dry areas.

We take this opportunity once again to thank our many customers old and new. Your continued loyalty has helped to rate "Crombie Roses" with the "BEST".

Sincerely,

Vern P. Golie

SUTTER'S
GOLD



All America Rose Selections winners are identified with the AARS symbol. This is a mark of distinct qualification as these roses are severely tested throughout the United States and judged on merit by experienced, critical horticulturists.

MAIL ORDERS

Read Carefully When Ordering

Roses can be successfully sent by parcel post or express during the dormant season (*December to March*). Shipping and packing costs prohibit sending plants in containers, during the growing season.

Out of town orders of \$5.00 or more will be shipped prepaid. On orders less than \$5.00 please add 50¢ to cover cost of packing and mailing.

To insure prompt delivery we do not ship our roses C.O.D.

Kindly mail remittance with order. Within California, 3% Sales Tax must be added.

Orders booked in advance will receive priority, in varieties that are scarce. If you have a second choice, *please give us permission to substitute.*

Please advise approximate shipping date.

Upon arrival of your order, immerse plants in water for 1-hour (no longer). In the event that dry and windy weather prevails after planting, a practice of wetting down the canes several times each day will prove most beneficial to the plants.

Guarantee

Our roses are all No. 1 grade, unless otherwise designated. We guarantee them to be true to name, alive and healthy. If a rose does not start to grow within 60 days after purchase, please notify us.

Note—Our nursery is certified by the California State Agricultural Dept. as free from all pests and diseases. This allows us to ship under "Pinto tag" (inspection-free) privileges into practically every county in California. *This assures prompt delivery.*

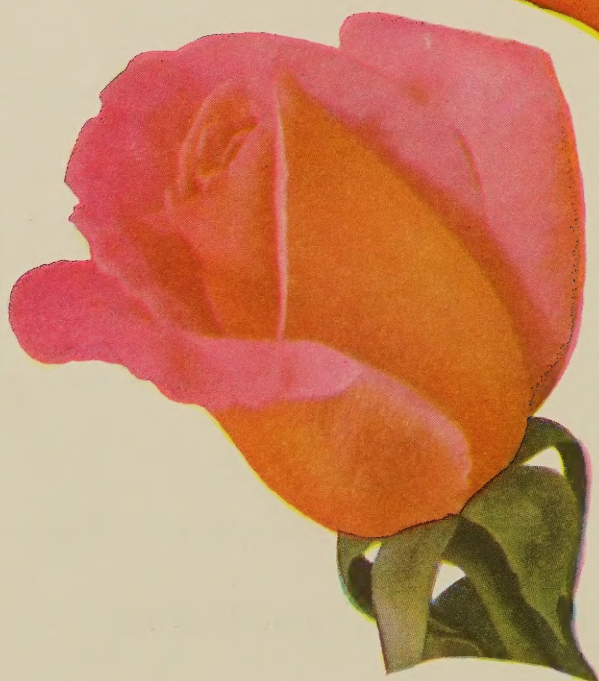
Free Local Delivery

Deliveries are made by our trucks Tuesday or Wednesday of each week.

A Gift that Grows—A Crombie Rose



MOJAVE



HELEN
TRAUBEL

Specials During Bare-Root Season

All American

Special Price.....\$680
Chrysler Imperial
Mojave
Tiffany

(You Save \$1.20)

Grandiflora Class

Special Price.....\$660
Buccaneer
Carrousel
Queen Elizabeth

(You Save \$1.15)

Floribunda Trio

Special Price.....\$450
Carol Amling
Goldilocks
Vogue

(You Save \$.75)

Four Old Favorites

Special Price.....\$495
Etoile de Hollande
Mrs. P. S. Dupont
Mrs. Sam McGredy
Snowbird

(You Save \$1.05)

Crombie Favorite Ten

Special Price.....\$1900
Charles Mallerin
Charlotte Armstrong
First Love
Golden Sceptre
Gr. Duchess Charlotte
Mark Sullivan
Mme. Henri Guillot
Peace
Sleighbells
Sutter's Gold

(You Save \$2.75)

Climbing Favorites

Special Price.....\$640
Clg. Heart's Desire
Clg. Mme. Henri Guillot
Clg. Mrs. Sam McGredy
Clg. Peace

(You Save \$1.10)

Favorite Climbing Floribundas

Special Price.....\$700
Clg. Blaze
Clg. Goldilocks
Clg. Pinocchio
Clg. City of York

(You Save \$1.25)

Bush Roses

The Best of the
NEW AND OLD VARIETIES
As We Know Them

PRICES (BARE-ROOT)

On orders of 10 or more plants (bushes and climbers combined) you may deduct 10 %. This does not apply to tree roses or special collections.

ANGELS MATEU \$1.75

PATENT NO. 174

One of our favorites. A medium to low bushy plant, clothed with glossy, clean foliage and producing large, 50 petaled blooms of coral suffused with old rose. 2½-3'

AUTUMN \$1.50

Autumn shades—orange, gold and carmine. Shining foliage. Will mildew if neglected. Tall and spreading. 3-4'

BRAVO \$2.25

PATENT NO. 983

**

The Crombies are especially enthusiastic about Bravo, in their rose garden in Ceres. A large perfectly formed bloom of brilliant scarlet, with black shadings in hot weather. 2½-3'

BUCCANEER \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1119

**

The ability to bloom in clusters as well as single blooms to a stem, has placed this wonderful new rose in the "Grandiflora" class. A tall vigorous plant, free branching, with clean leathery foliage. The long brilliant yellow buds open to perfectly formed blooms. Will not fade in the hottest weather. 4-4½'

CAPISTRANO \$2.00



PATENT NO. 922

**

With closed eyes, one can walk through a rose garden and readily detect the presence of "Capistrano" by its delightful pure rose fragrance. The tall vigorous bush produces perfect blooms of a deep rich shade of rose pink. 4-5'

CARROUSEL \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1066

Another new "Grandiflora" that has certainly proved itself a champion wherever it is grown. An abundance of vivid deep red blooms are borne in clusters or singly on long stems. The plant is tall and shapely, well clothed with shining disease resistant foliage. Excellent as a tall hedge. 3½-4'

CHARLES MALLERIN \$2.50

PATENT NO. 993

This beautiful deep black-red rose attracts immediate attention. Intensely fragrant, perfectly formed blooms last for days. We suggest it be planted in the background, as the plant is inclined to grow tall and rather awkwardly. 3½'

CHARLOTTE



ARMSTRONG \$2.25

PATENT NO. 455

**

Still "Tops" in our list of favorites. This variety combines all the good qualities desired in a near-perfect rose. Beautiful streamlined red buds opening to magnificent flowers of cerise. 3-4'

CHRISTOPHER STONE \$1.50

Still one of the most beautiful red roses that performs well in warmer regions; but very susceptible to mildew in the bay area. Fragrant. 2-2½'

CHRYSLER IMPERIAL \$2.50



PATENT NO. 1167

**

We believe this to be the best red rose introduced in recent years. The well-balanced plant is abundantly clothed with heavy clean foliage. The shapely bud opens into a many petaled bloom of breathtaking fragrance. Cut blooms last for days. 3-3½'

CONFIDENCE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1192

Another daughter of Peace that is highly rated in the Proof of the Pudding of the American Rose Annual. The upright bushy plants produce high-centered fragrant blooms on long stems. The color is light pink shading to yellow at the base of the petal. 2½'



Bush Roses

DIAMOND JUBILEE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 824

Very large blooms of warm glowing buff yellow. High centered buds slowly open to many petaled blooms that seem to last for days. The plant is large and bushy, well clothed with clean leathery foliage. 4'

DUQUESA DE PENERANDA ----- \$1.50

A favorite for cutting. Long orange-apricot buds open to peach bloom. Upright vigorous growth. Shining foliage. 2½'

ECLIPSE ----- \$1.75

Truly a streamlined rose. Long slim golden yellow buds open to soft yellow shapely blooms. Tall upright growth, heavy clean foliage. Fragrant, long stems for cutting. 4'

ENA HARKNESS ----- \$1.50

**

This fine new English rose certainly proved itself a worth while addition to the bay area gardens. Many of the members of the San Francisco Rose Society have told us that no other red rose can begin to equal the performance of the Ena Harkness. High centered crimson scarlet blooms of intense fragrance. Clean leathery foliage. 2½'

ETOILE DE HOLLANDE ----- \$1.50

Since 1919 this has been known as the "best red rose." In bush, climber or tree form it will give you constant joy throughout the season. 3-4'

FANDANGO ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 894

**

Deep rich scarlet in a small-to-medium bud, changing as it opens, to a bright red. Large open semi-double flower. Faintly fragrant. Glossy foliage. Disease resistant. Almost continuously in bloom. 2½'

FIESTA ----- \$2.25

PATENT NO. 389

A gay novelty rose, which attracts instant attention in the garden. It is striped red and yellow and holds the two colors well. Rather low growing plant, but with many brilliant blooms. 2½'

FIRST LOVE ----- \$2.25

PATENT NO. 921

**

Those of you who had the good fortune to attend the National Rose Convention in San Francisco will remember "First Love" as "Queen of the Show." The popularity of this wonderful rose increases each year. Long tapered, high-centered buds of light rose pink shading to dawn pink. The most prolific bloomer in our test gardens. 4'

FORTY-NINER ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 792

A vivid bicolor with Oriental red petals faced with chrome yellow. Medium sized blooms which fade in hot weather. Strong, upright plants and very few thorns. 3'

FRED EDMUNDS ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 731

Rated by the American Rose Society amongst the country's ten best roses. Brilliant orange buds open to a sort of burnt-copper bloom, attracting surprised attention wherever it is shown. Clean and shining foliage. Not a robust growing plant but very free flowering. 2½'

FRED HOWARD ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1006

This fine new rose grows so vigorously that one might easily overlook the delicate beauty of the bloom. Long rich yellow buds open slowly, disclosing an orange yellow center with soft pink pencilling. Long erect stems with clean leathery foliage. 4'

GOLDEN SCEPTRE ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 910

**

Another of our blue ribbon winners at the California Spring Garden Show. A medium long pointed bud, opening to a large high centered semi-double bloom, holding its color until the golden yellow petals fall. Fragrant, free blooming, clean varnished foliage. 3-3½'

GRANDE DUCHESS

CHARLOTTE ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 774

This rose is still one of our favorites and again we ask for help in describing its unusual color. It has been described as "Claret," "Geranium Red," "Burnt Carmine" and even "Tomato Red." Fine upright growth. Clean foliage. Excellent for cutting. 4'

HEART'S DESIRE ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 501

A deep red, fragrant, shapely bloom, with fine, strong stems. A vase of Heart's Desire fills the entire room with perfume. Or plant this rose in climbing form outside your breakfast room and enjoy its perfect blooms and sweet fragrance as the morning sun touches it. We believe that it has really lived up to its lovely name. 3'

Bush Roses

HELEN TRAUBEL \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1028

**

Highly deserving of the AARS award for 1952. A soft lovely pink with apricot shading. A compact vigorous bush with clean hardy foliage, blooming freely throughout the season. 4'

HENRY FORD ----- \$2.50

P. A. F.

A cross between the Doctor and Pink Dawn. The buds are long, spiral in form and open to huge blooms of clear peach-pink. Intensely fragrant. 3'

HINRICH GAEDE ----- \$1.50

Nasturtium-red bud opens to very double orange-yellow multi-colored bloom. Vigorous growth. Glossy foliage. 3'

J. OTTO THILOW ----- \$1.50

A truly pink rose, with no other shading. It really has everything. Long slim buds, unfading open bloom. Vigorous. Disease resistant. 3½'

JUNO ----- \$2.25

PATENT NO. 895

A new Armstrong rose for 1950. Very large ovoid bud, opening to full high centered bloom of bright, clear pink. Leathery foliage. Disease resistant. Continuous bloomer. 2½'

LA JOLLA ----- \$3.00

PATENT NO. 1103

This was one of the most outstanding roses in the fields in early July. A perfect bloom was produced singly on each stem, the flowers arranged in perfect balance. The camellia-shaped open blooms are a delicate pastel-pink and cream, with gold shadings. Long stems with shiny dark green foliage. 3-3½'

LOWELL THOMAS -- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 595

Long, pointed yellow bud opens to a huge bloom of chrome yellow. Very long, strong stems, and leathery foliage. A good cut flower. 3'

MARK SULLIVAN ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 599

**

A multi-colored rose that has "everything." The first rose to bloom in the spring and often the last to stop flowering at frost. Gives you a magnificent splash of color in your garden. Remarkable blending of color tones, rich gold, heavily veined and shaded with rose-pink and cerise. Glossy foliage. Sturdy and vigorous. 3½'

McGREDY'S YELLOW ----- \$1.50

Bright buttercup-yellow, throughout the season. Glossy foliage. Excellent for cutting. 3'

MISSION BELLS ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 923

All-American award for 1950. A deep glowing salmon opening to a clear pink. Moderately fragrant. Very vigorous and quite resistant to disease. Coppery green foliage. Profuse, continuous bloomer. Withstands severe winter. 3'

MME. HENRI GUILLOT ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 337

The Blue Ribbon Rose of many flower shows, and a "must have" in every garden. Large urn-shaped buds open to truly Camellia-like blooms of glowing tones of reddish orange, rose and coral pink. Clean glossy foliage. Disease resistant. 3'

MOJAVE ----- \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1176

**

Radiant orange is the dominant color, highlighted by flame-like tones of scarlet and vermilion. A daughter of Charlotte Armstrong. The vigorous bush of Mojave produces amazing numbers of beautiful long tapering buds. 3-4'

MRS. PIERRE S. DUPONT -- \$1.50

This good yellow rose will probably bloom more profusely than any other rose in your garden. This is especially true in hot climates. Rich green foliage. Fragrant. 2½'

MRS. SAM McGREDY ----- \$1.50

Since 1929 this rose has been known as "best of the type." No garden is complete without it. Scarlet-orange buds open to apricot and bronze blooms. Reddish foliage. Low spreading growth. Fragrant. 2½'

NEIGE PARFUM ----- \$1.50

Large fragrant white bloom, tinted faintly pink. Leathery foliage. Vigorous upright growth. 2'

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN -- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 428

So many members of the Oakland Rose Study Club have repeatedly asked for this rose that we have again added it to our list. One of the Society members compares the color of this exhibition flower to that of home-made peach ice cream. (Limited supply.) 2½'

NEW YORKER ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 823

The most brilliant red rose in our test-garden, attracting excited comment throughout the season. Vigorous and bushy in growth, and has a delightful fruity fragrance. We like it. 3'



Bush Roses

PEACE ----- \$2.50



PATENT NO. 591

**

Still one of the top-rating roses of all time. Difficult to describe, as the color varies with changing weather. Golden buds streaked with red, gradually open to huge many petaled blooms of pale yellow with delicate pink shading. Large and bushy so allow plenty of space. 3-4'

PICTURE ----- \$1.50

Perfectly formed, medium-sized pink blooms. Tea fragrance. Upright. Well-balanced growth; 2'.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1217

Mr. and Mrs. Crombie were quite impressed at seeing this new introduction in mass display at the Philadelphia Flower Show. A modern American Beauty of medium red, opens to large 4 to 5 inch blooms. Old rose fragrance. 2½-3'

PRESIDENT HERBERT

HOOVER ----- \$1.50

Flaming scarlet and yellow buds open to soft pink and gold blooms. Long stems. Plant very large and vigorous. 5'

QUEEN ELIZABETH ----- \$3.00



PATENT NO. 1259

**

Another AARS winner created by Dr. Walter Lammerts. This rose makes its debut in the new "Grandiflora" class, being a cross between Charlotte Armstrong and Floradora. The plant is tall and exceptionally vigorous, fully clothed with clean disease resistant foliage. See color illustration. 4½-5'

ROSE OF FREEDOM ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 791

A favorite with those who prefer a large, very double red rose. The bloom is well formed with a very pleasing fragrance. The bushy plant has clean bronzy foliage with few thorns. Recommended for the coastal area. Flowers will burn in the warmer regions. 3'

ROUNDELAY ----- \$3.00

P. A. F.

Another new "Grandiflora" of the same cross as Queen Elizabeth (Floradora & Charlotte Armstrong). The bloom is comparable to Charlotte Armstrong but, smaller deep red in color. They come in clusters but with stems long enough for cutting. Beautiful clean foliage. 4½'

SATURNIA ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 349

**

The Spring foliage is so beautiful on this variety that one might easily question the need for blooms. The vermilion bud opens to startling cardinal-red with gold facing. We can only say "Plant one and see for yourself." Highly recommended by the San Francisco Rose Society. 2½'

SHINING STAR ----- \$1.50

We first saw this beautiful exhibition rose on display at the rose show sponsored by the "Oakland Rose Study Club." We were greatly impressed and along with the number of requests for this variety we have decided to list it. The bud is long-pointed, opening to a very double unfading bloom of chrome yellow. Fragrant, with clean foliage. 2½'

SIGNORA ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 201

A truly outstanding rose, probably the finest of its type. It is an intense combination of scarlet-orange with lighter shades of tangerine and cerise. The many-petaled flower is attractive from the bud stage until the open bloom drops its petals. Shining foliage, long strong stems, and sweet perfume make this a perfect cut flower. 4'

SLEIGHBELLS ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1004

**

We have received favorable reports, many of high praise for this rose, from various localities. We consider it to be the best white rose for the bay area. Large ovoid buds open to 40 or more lovely petals, with a suggestion of primrose yellow at the base. Seldom out of bloom. Clean shining foliage. Rates high with the San Francisco Rose Society. 2½'

SNOWBIRD ----- \$1.50

A small-to-medium bloom of pure white, flowering throughout the season, on a sturdy compact bush. Many petals, and beautifully formed. Easily grown in any climate. 2½'

SONATA ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 732

"A lovely rose is like a melody." Long slim buds of cochineal red open slowly to exquisite blooms of deep lively pink. Long strong stem. Bloom slightly fragrant. Almost perfect form. Very free-flowering. Vigorous bushy plant. One of our favorites. 3'

SUTTER'S GOLD ----- \$2.25



PATENT NO. 885

Yellow buds, shaped with orange, open to fine clear yellow blooms. Intensely fragrant. Has good growing habits; bushy, long stems for cutting and very few thorns. A fitting memorial of the days of gold. 3½'

Bush Roses

SUZON LOTTHE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 934 **

Another fine rose by Francis Meiland who gave us the rose "PEACE." The flowers are large and very double. High centered buds of pearl pink shaded with peach and ivory. Especially good on the coast. Dark green healthy foliage. 3½'

SWEET SIXTEEN \$1.75


PATENT NO. 631

A really soft and lovely pink, splashed with shades of yellow. Tall upright growth. The open blooms are as fresh and crisp as its lovely name. Sweetly perfumed.

TAFFETA  \$2.00

PATENT NO. 716

Well-named as the softly crisp texture of the bloom is really comparable to silken fabric. Many variations in color, depending upon the weather, with rose-pink salmon and apricot tones predominating. Fragrant. The foliage is beautiful but must be sprayed for mildew. 3'

TALLY-HO  \$2.00


PATENT NO. 828

All-American that is gaining in popularity throughout the country. Coloring is very attractive, in a unique combination of red and silvery pink. It grows vigorously and has a truly delightful fragrance. Long stems and makes an excellent cut flower. 3'

TEXAS CENTENNIAL \$1.50

PATENT NO. 162

For many years this has been one of the best known and most loved varieties. Being a sport of the ever popular President Hoover rose it is comparable in sturdy growth and good habits. Blood red tones in the fine strong buds, tone to cerise red in the center of the bloom as it opens. It is still a deep warm pink when the petals fall. Grows tall and bushy so allow plenty of space. 5'

TIFFANY  \$3.00

**

1955 AARS winner in the hybrid tea class and certainly deserving of the honor. Lovely phlox-pink buds open into large high-centered perfectly formed blooms. Exceptionally fragrant. "Tiffany" has all the admirable qualities desired in a rose. 3½'

WHITE SWAN \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1115

Suggestively named as well formed high-centered buds of nearly pure white are borne on long graceful stems. Foliage and habit of growth could be favorably compared to Eclipse. Flowers last well and at times the petal edges have a crepe paper appearance. 3'

YOURS TRULY \$1.75

PATENT NO. 697

A glorious rose with huge camellia-shaped blooms of pleasing non-fading deep pink, with a slight tinge of yellow at the base. Damask fragrance. Tall, upright plant. Seems content in any climate. 3'

We have a limited supply of the following varieties:

Pink Moss \$1.75
Red Talisman \$1.50
Serenade \$1.75
Symphonie \$2.00

Talisman \$1.50
Tawny Gold \$2.25
Tom Breneman \$2.00
Volcano \$2.00

THREE YEAR OLD ROSE BUSHES

With pride and a sense of having accomplished something worth while, we offer a beautiful assortment of the very best varieties one year older than regular stock. These plants are in containers and will produce an abundance of bloom, making an immediate garden effect.

Priced from \$2.00 to \$3.50—local delivery only

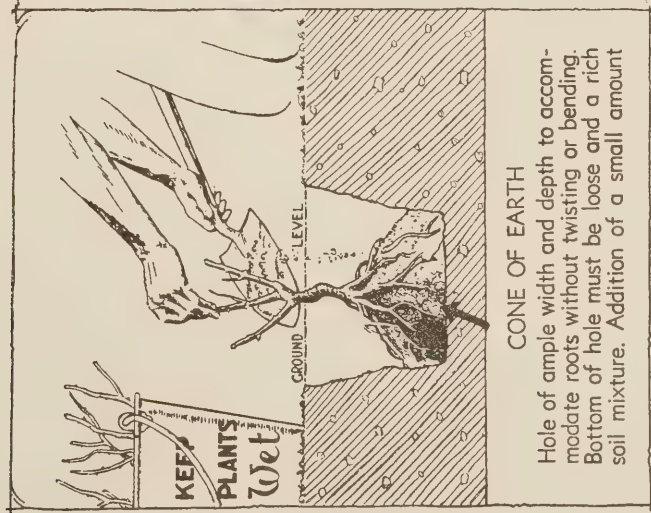
PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Realizing the wide variance of opinion upon this subject, and the difficulty of doing it justice with the pen, *we are going to conduct public pruning demonstrations during January, here in our Test Garden, at the Nursery. You are invited. The dates will be announced in the local newspapers.*

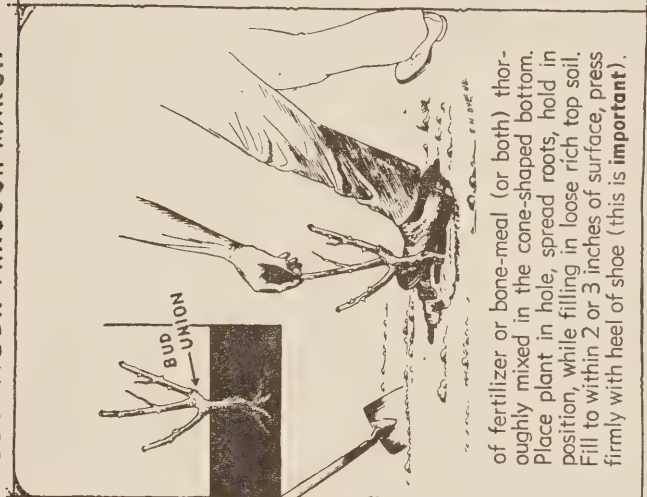


HOW TO PLANT A ROSE (BARE-ROOT)

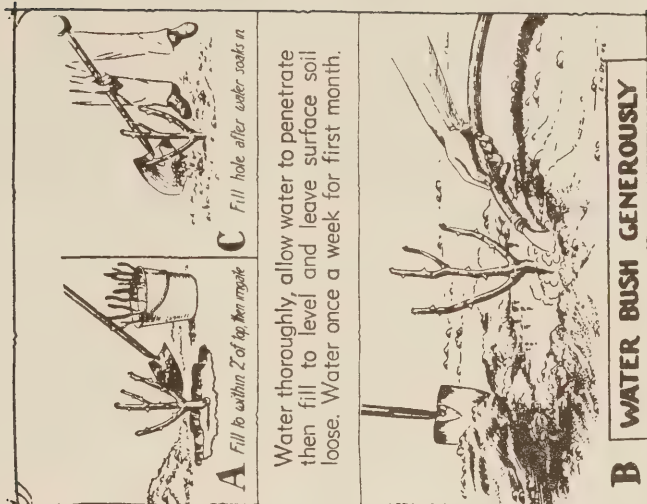
DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH



Hole of ample width and depth to accommodate roots without twisting or bending. Bottom of hole must be loose and a rich soil mixture. Addition of a small amount



of fertilizer or bone-meal (or both) thoroughly mixed in the cone-shaped bottom. Place plant in hole, spread roots, hold in position, while filling in loose rich top soil. Fill to within 2 or 3 inches of surface, press firmly with heel of shoe (this is **important**).



Water thoroughly, allow water to penetrate then fill to level and leave surface soil loose. Water once a week for first month.

STEP No. 1

STEP No. 2

STEP No. 3

Hybrid Polyanthus

(Floribunda)

A new type of recurrent blooming rose that is rapidly increasing in popularity. Useful as low hedges, or, if allowed to grow large, they make an excellent flowering shrub. They combine the hardiness of the polyanthus with the improved flowering qualities of the Hybrid Tea.

ALAIN ----- \$1.50

We have a 20 plant hedge of this variety, growing near our Dutton Street entrance to the Nursery. Many of you have marveled and commented on this uniform hedge of bright scarlet red that is in bloom most of the year. At the peak of its blooming period, the bush is so covered with clusters of blooms that the foliage is almost hidden. Flowers last for days. 2½'

BABY BLAZE ----- \$2.25

P. A. F.

At last, a bush form of the ever popular Blaze climber. Flowers almost identical in color are produced on a bushy plant that is in bloom most of the year (Limited supply). Be sure and see the mass planting of Baby Blaze in the floribunda section of the Oakland Rose Garden. 2-2½'

BETTY PRIOR ----- \$1.50

PATENT NO. 340

One of the loveliest and most popular of all floribundas. The open blooms are much like pink Dogwood blossoms in shape, size and color. Shell pink with a carmine-pink lining. Single blooms, arranged in large branching clusters, are continuously produced in quantity. Really hardy. 3-3½'

CAROL AMLING ----- \$1.75

(PINK GARNETTE) PATENT NO. 1126 **

Last year we advised you that you would be sorry if you overlooked this little gem and We Still Mean It. Introduced by Amling-DeVor Nurseries this sweet little baby pink rose produces dozens and dozens of perfectly formed 60 petaled blooms lasting for days. This beauty is enhanced by clean bronzy foliage on a shapely well-rounded plant. (Also available on 15" tree roses.) 2'

CECILE BRUNNER ----- \$1.50

The "Sweetheart Rose" needs no description. Tiny pink buds open to delightful many-petaled blooms that have been beloved since 1881. 3'

COCORICO ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1193 **

We are receiving enthusiastic reports on this newest floribunda which is from the originator of Peace. Bright and gay, this flashing orange-scarlet bloom arouses instant attention, whether in the cooler areas or in the valley heat. Continuously in bloom, good stems, excellent for cutting. Glossy disease-resistant foliage.

EASTER PARADE ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1200

You will marvel at the exciting and unusual combination of colors created as the flower passes from the bud stage to the open bloom. Salmon pink and cerise, with yellow reverse, shading to carmine. Truly an Easter Parade. 2-3'

FASHION ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 789

Here is truly a new shade of color in roses. The originators call it "deep peach," but usually it is listed as "coral." Its habit of growth is low, spreading and bushy. It is constantly in flower, although the buds open one at a time, so that the clusters seem long-lasting. A low border of Fashion is a striking and beautiful sight indeed. 2'

FLORADORA ----- \$1.50

**

A sensation at the California Spring Garden Show. Each year we increase our stock of this variety but, each year the same story "SOLD OUT", early in the season. The vigorous well balanced plant is clothed with shining holly-like foliage. Each stem produces clusters of medium sized, very double blooms of cinnabar, geranium red, to orange-scarlet. Cut flowers last for days. 3'

FRENSHAM ----- \$1.50

**

Truly a hybrid tea in miniature. The perfect boutannaire, ideal for bud arrangements and showy in the open flower as a mass display on long-stemmed trusses. The plant is large and spreading producing a continuous show of deep red buds that open to bright red non-fading blooms. 3'

GARNETTE ----- \$1.50

Like Carol Amling, this petite little red rose has beauty and charm, with an ability to last for days in the garden or as a cut flower. The plant is covered with an abundance of crinkled holly-like foliage. (Ideal for corsage use.) Also available on 15" patio tree roses. 2'

GLACIER ----- \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1025

A new, highly-rated white floribunda. Large ovoid buds of 25-30 petals. Tea fragrance. Glossy, forest-green foliage. 2-2½'



GOLDSLOCKS ----- \$1.50

PATENT NO. 672

**

Generally called the "best yellow floribunda." Golden buds open to very double blooms nearly three inches across. The clusters come on a compact bush that makes an excellent low hedge. 1½-2'

INDEPENDENCE ----- \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1036

**

With the introduction of Independence a new color has been added to the floribunda class. It reminds us of Floradora. The color might be described as orange-scarlet, that holds well even in the hottest weather. Suggest planting delphiniums near by. 2-2½'

IRENE OF DENMARK ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 889

The answer to a long felt need for a truly good white floribunda. Perfect buds opening to well shaped double blooms on long stems. Bushy plants with light green foliage. 2½'

JIMINY CRICKET ----- \$2.50

P. A. F.

We have been told . . . the originator upon being informed that his rose had won the AARS award for 1955, excitedly exclaimed "Jiminy Cricket". Hence the name. Upon viewing it in the fields for the first time my enthusiasm could easily voice a similar expression. . . . Clusters of shapely blooms are evenly spread on a compact bushy plant with very good foliage. The color might be described as coral-orange to tangerine red. 2½'

LILIBET ----- \$2.00

P. A. F.

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You will be attracted to this lovely new rose by its graceful habit of growth. Dozens of perfect shaped baby buds of soft pink appear on each stem. An abundance of clean foliage frames the beauty of each cluster. Buds can be cut singly on 4 to 5 inch stems or in clusters. 2½'

MA PERKINS ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1143

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Although this was one of last year's winners we were not too impressed with it. After watching its performance through this season we feel that it is a variety that grows on you. Unusual, very delicate soft shades of silver, coral and orange pink are suffused from the stages of bud to open flower. A shapely bush. 2½'

MARGO KOSTER ----- \$1.50

Unequaled where a low colorful hedge effect is desired. The plant is almost evergreen with bright green shining foliage. The soft orange to gay coral pink blooms come in clusters, a new crop of flowers quickly following the last. We "SOLD OUT" immediately after showing it in our display at the California Spring Garden Show. (Also available in 15" patio tree roses.) 1½-2'

MASQUERADE ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 975

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The most exciting rose in our test garden. Clusters of yellow buds change to rose pink, gradually deepening to red. The gay color combination is suggestive of the name. 3'

PINKIE ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 712

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Enthusiastic comment on this "little darling" from all over the U.S.A. Recommended as a low hedge or border plant, or for planting in boxes. Masses of dainty pink blooms throughout the season. Bushy growth. Disease resistant. Copper spray will injure foliage. 1½'

PINK BOUNTIFUL ----- \$1.50

PATENT NO. 601

Well named. Large clusters of soft pink bloom, likened to a smaller Picture. Clean foliage. Excellent bush. Vigorous. Holds color well. 2½'

PINK ROSETTE ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 902

The lovely blooms of pink have been compared to the rosettes on a baby's bonnet. The well-shaped plant has very few thorns and is exceptionally free of disease. Clusters of from 20 to 30 perfect buds are produced on a single stem. 2½'

PINOCCHIO ----- \$1.50

PATENT NO. 484

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One of the first floribundas, and still popular. Pointed buds, salmon flushed with gold. As the tiny double flower opens it changes to a clear soft pink. Will last for days as a cut flower, and seems never to be without blooms in the garden. 2½'

LAVENDER PINOCCHIO ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 947

RED PINOCCHIO ----- \$1.50**WHITE PINOCCHIO** ----- \$1.50

PATENT NO. 1010

YELLOW PINOCCHIO ----- \$1.50

PATENT NO. 992

POULSENS BEDDER ----- \$1.50

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Members of the Stockton Rose Society recommend this variety for the interior valley as it holds up well during the Summer heat. The plant is vigorous and upright, producing large clusters of rose pink to shell pink blossoms. 3-3½'

RED CAP ----- \$2.50

P. A. F.

We are not well acquainted with this new Armstrong introduction. An offspring of the old favorite "Pinocchio"; however, the flowers are larger and plant grows more vigorously. Bright red in color. Test reports sound favorable. 3½-4'

ROSENELFE \$1.50

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Pure pink with a silvery reflex, fully double tiny blooms. Lovely in a flower arrangement, and quite perfect as a boutannaire. 3'

SIREN \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1197

The brightest, reddest rose in the nursery. Each crop of flowers seems to surpass the last. The dark red buds open to a fiery scarlet bloom, produced in clusters on long stems by a well balanced shapely plant. Good foliage. 2½-3'

TAPIS ROSE \$1.50

PATENT NO. 960

We have added this rose to our list by special request of several customers. It is another Meilland origination and its French name

means "Pink Carpet". The full rounded blooms are a deep Tyrian rose pink. Plant is tall and vigorous. 3½-4'

THE FAIRY \$1.75

The fresh pink sprays of this tiny-flowered rose have charm throughout the season. The wide-spreading plant is ornamental as a shrub and fills a longfelt want for planting on terraces or in rock gardens. 2-2½'

VOGUE  \$2.00

PATENT NO. 926

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The originators call the color "cherry-coral". Vogue grows a tall upright plant, with fine healthy foliage and produces large clusters of perfectly formed, high centered blooms. Long lasting as a cut flower. Carnation-like fragrance. 2½-3'

Climbing Roses

So many new and worthwhile varieties have been developed in the past few years that we can truthfully say "There is a climbing rose suitable for any location in your garden." Our container-grown plants, three and four years old, are just what you want to give immediate coverage, and a profusion of flowers, without delay. Come and see them. We are proud of them.

BLAZE \$1.50

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A brilliant scarlet-crimson resembling Paul's Scarlet Climber in general appearance, but differing in its strong tendency to produce on established plants intermittent blooms throughout the season.

CLG. CECILE BRUNNER \$1.50

Tiny pink blooms of the "Sweetheart" rose. Very rampant and very easy to grow.

CLG. CHARLOTTE

ARMSTRONG \$3.00

PATENT NO. 523

After testing this new climber for the past two years we are completely sold. It has everything one could ask for. Same quality bloom and foliage as the bush, also the unusual ability of producing flowers on first year canes.

CLG. CITY OF YORK \$1.75

One of the very few good white climbers. The small buds, borne in clusters, open to ivory white semi-double blooms. The plant is well clothed with shining disease resistant foliage. We have a fine specimen growing at one of the nursery entrances. Always in bloom.

CORAL DAWN \$2.50

P. A. F.

Something entirely new. A mild-growing pillar rose producing plenty of ground canes, lavishly supplied with beautiful shiny foliage. Masses of blooms are produced on terminal as well as lateral canes. Perfect buds open to very double blooms of a delightful coral-pink. 6-8'

DESCANSO PILLAR \$2.50

PATENT NO. 943

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A sensational new pillar rose that seems to be entirely disease resistant. Vigorous canes of about seven feet and clothed with beautiful foliage, produce masses of long stemmed high-centered blooms. We might describe the color as clear begonia-pink shaded to rose pink.

CLG. ETOILE DE

HOLLANDE \$1.50

Usually known as the "best red climber." Same gorgeous bloom as on the bush, and quite as free flowering. Always scarce, so order yours early.

CLG. FLORADORA \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1054

An excellent addition to our list of climbers. The same fine qualities as the bush. Holly-like foliage and unusual cinnabar-red blooms that last for days. We were much impressed with the several vigorous plants we saw in the Portland Rose Gardens.

CLG. GOLDILOCKS \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1090

You will be delighted with this climbing sport of the ever popular "Goldilocks". Plant on a low wall, fence, or train as a pillar and enjoy masses of golden bloom on a background of clean shiny foliage. A combination planting of Clg. Blaze, Clg. Goldilocks and Clg. Pinocchio should be spectacular. See Special Collections Page 5.



CLG. HEART'S DESIRE ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 663

Vigorous climbing form of the bush and with identical bloom. Very fragrant. Intense scarlet bloom that is showy on a tall climber.

CLG. HINRICH GAEDE ---- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 244

Quite as startlingly beautiful as in the bush. An exceptionally good rose for San Francisco climate. Good foliage.

HIGH NOON ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 704 **

The multi-purpose rose. Train it on a fence or wall, grow it on a pillar or just plant it in a corner of the rose garden without supports. The tall vigorous canes grow erect producing masses of blooms on the terminal canes as well as the laterals. Medium sized perfect blooms of deep non-fading yellow.

IMPROVED PAUL'S**SCARLET ----- \$1.50**

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Vivid scarlet cluster rose, so well known that we won't try to describe it. In the spring it is unsurpassed as a riot of flaming bloom.

CLG. INDIAN SUMMER ---- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 448

The name suggests the color combination; copper, old rose, bluish pink with some old-gold. Exceptionally fragrant, free blooming and as disease resistant as a rose can be. Especially good along the coast.

CLG. J. OTTO THILOW --- \$1.50

Rich glowing rose pink. Long buds of perfect form opening to large, high-centered semi-double blooms. Especially good for the bay area.

CLG. MME. HENRI**GUILLOT ----- \$2.00**

PATENT NO. 788 **

Always a favorite. The combination of orange, coral and red in great masses of bloom with clean shining foliage makes this one of the best of the newer climbers. Heavy Spring bloom with occasional bloom during the Summer months.

CLG. MRS. SAM**McGREDY ----- \$1.75**

PATENT NO. 374 **

There could be no more beautiful climbing rose than this. The same glorious copper-orange-red combination as in the bush, the same reddish green foliage, and the same sweet fragrance. We can recommend this rose to you, and know that it will give you pleasure for years to come. Come see how it grows and flowers here at the Nursery.

CLG. PEACE ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 932

The first year in the ground Clg. Peace appears to be a sparse bloomer, but the next year it really makes up for it. Plant is very vigorous with beautiful blooms and foliage (identical to that of the bush).

CLG. PINOCCHIO ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1142 **

The perfect rose for low walls and fences. It produces dozens of flowering canes the first year in the ground, that can be easily trained. Masses of bloom (identical to the bush) seem to appear as if by magic. See Special Collections—Page 5.

CLG. PRESIDENT**HERBERT HOOVER ----- \$1.50**

A very vigorous climbing form of the popular bush rose. It is an especially brilliant sight in the late autumn.

CLG. RED TALISMAN ----- \$1.75

An old rose but not too well known. Identical to the old favorite Talisman, from which it sported except in color of the bloom.

CLG. SNOWBIRD ----- \$1.75

For good clean foliage, an abundance of well formed blooms and overall good appearance, Clg. Snowbird is certainly "tops" in the class of whites. The plant is not too vigorous, so it can easily be trained on a trellis or low fence.

CLG. SUNGOLD ----- \$1.50

Often referred to as the best pure yellow for the bay area. The plant is vigorous and free branching with clean foliage. A blue ribbon winner at many flower shows.

CLG. SUTTER'S GOLD ----- \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1185 **

Clg. Sutter's Gold should be good news to anyone who wants a tall vigorous climber that really produces a lot of beautiful flowers (identical to bush) and is well clothed with clean disease resistant foliage.

CLG. TALISMAN ----- \$1.50

Most gardens seem to have at least one Climbing Talisman. Probably there is no rose more universally beloved, whether for masses of beauty in the garden or for exquisite cut blooms. Multi-colored.

CLG. TEXAS**CENTENNIAL ----- \$2.00**

PATENT NO. 565 **

Identical to the bush in habit and color range. Give it plenty of room, tie in the long strong canes, spray occasionally and you will have a magnificent sight in your garden.

Climbing roses not described (limited supply).

Belle of Portugal ----- \$1.50**Mermaid ----- \$1.50****Clg. Picture ----- \$2.00****Pink Cloud (Pillar) ----- \$2.50****Clg. Pink Delight ----- \$1.75****Clg. Red Talisman ----- \$1.75****Clg. Yellow Banksia ----- \$1.75****Clg. Yellow Cecile Brunner ----- \$1.50**

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The Standard Rose requires from two to four years to develop a good plantable tree. Only certain uniform growing varieties make desirable heads. The root first, then the stem, and finally, the top, must be grown carefully to be sure of getting a healthy growth, a straight stem, and a well-branched head. Those qualifications we offer you in the following list of varieties:

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Mojave
Peace
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Sleigh Bells
Sutter's Gold

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For descriptions see bush roses.

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Fred Edmunds
Gr. Duchess Charlotte
Heart's Desire
Helen Traubel
Lowell Thomas

Mark Sullivan
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Cultural Directions

PLANTING is the most important procedure in the life of a rose-bush, and in the production of first-quality blooms. In reality, it is transplanting that you are doing. Your rose-bush has been grown for two years before you receive it, in the very best of soil and cultural conditions in the Nursery fields. It was watered and sprayed regularly and intelligently; it was ripened and dug at the proper time of the year. We have been most careful in our attention since that time, to guard against any loss of vitality. The roots have never been allowed to dry out, and the tops have been shaded against excessive wind and sun. In simple words, we treat our bare-root roses as patients recovering from a major operation. Won't you do the same?

See that the roots are never allowed to dry. Immersing them in a bucket of water for a few minutes before planting will assure ample moisture. Follow out planting guide (on the opposite page) carefully. *Never* fill the hole with water *before* planting. Planting first, then watering seals the earth around the roots without making mud, and recreates the soil firmness and texture in which the rose was originally grown. The first watering is the most important. *Make it thorough.*

WATERING: There is no "rule of thumb" for watering roses. Type of soil, time of year, size and age of bushes, temperature — all these are factors to be considered. *Important* to remember, — a rose-bush is working and producing 10 months of the year. It is a heavy feeder and must have ample moisture at all times. One good SATURATION is better than a half-dozen sprinklings.

FERTILIZATION: Great experimentation goes on in scientific feeding of plants, as well as of people. Being somewhat old-fashioned, and having grown roses for many years with (shall we modestly say?) a fair degree of success, we are loathe to change our formula. "Organic fertilizer" (Cow-manure to the dirt-gardener) applied in the late winter or early spring should be all the food necessary to produce the first crop of flowers. A good sized shovel-full per plant should be worked into the soil lightly and gradually, during the spring months. In the case of heavy soil or old rose beds, we recommend Lime or Soil Sulphur or both, applied in conjunction with the manure, at the rate of 5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.

Immediately after the spring crop of blooms you will find that a liberal hand-full of one of the well-known balanced commercial fertilizers worked into the soil, will materially strengthen the second crop in June and July. We

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strongly recommend a late summer (August and September) application. "Roses in December" are dependent upon the treatment they receive in early fall. Let's be liberal, and they will say "Thank -You".

SPRAYING: This is a problem we all must face, if we are to grow strong, healthy bushes with attractive flowers. Don't wait until your garden is heavily infested, but spray regularly and often. The amount of spray material you use and the pressure with which it is applied are of great importance. Get a good spray tank, the size dependent upon the number of roses you have, and use it often — every week during the early season. Always wash the spray tank out thoroughly after each using, to avoid corrosion. Several brands of all purpose spray material on the market today are safe and satisfactory. *A reminder — always irrigate roses thoroughly the day before spraying.*

PRUNING: This is the most controversial phase of rose growing, and most rose authorities have decided opinions on how it should be done. Heavy, medium light, — or no pruning at all, — each of these methods has advantages which are dependent on what you desire, and on the varieties that you are growing.

The important thing is to be able to recognize *young wood* and to distinguish it from old. Keep your bush young, and you have the essence of growing good flowers. Cut away the two-year-old canes, and the light twiggy branches. Then the question of how far back to cut the remaining young canes is entirely optional with you.

Realizing the wide variance of opinion upon this subject, and the difficulty of doing it justice with the pen, *we are going to conduct public pruning demonstrations during January, here in our Test Garden, at the Nursery. You are invited. The dates will be announced in the local newspapers.*

If you have any questions on Rose Culture, that we have not answered in the above paragraphs, we will be happy to hear from you.

CAUTION: Loosen wire labels on rose bushes each year. Failure to do so may result in girdling and consequent loss of plant.

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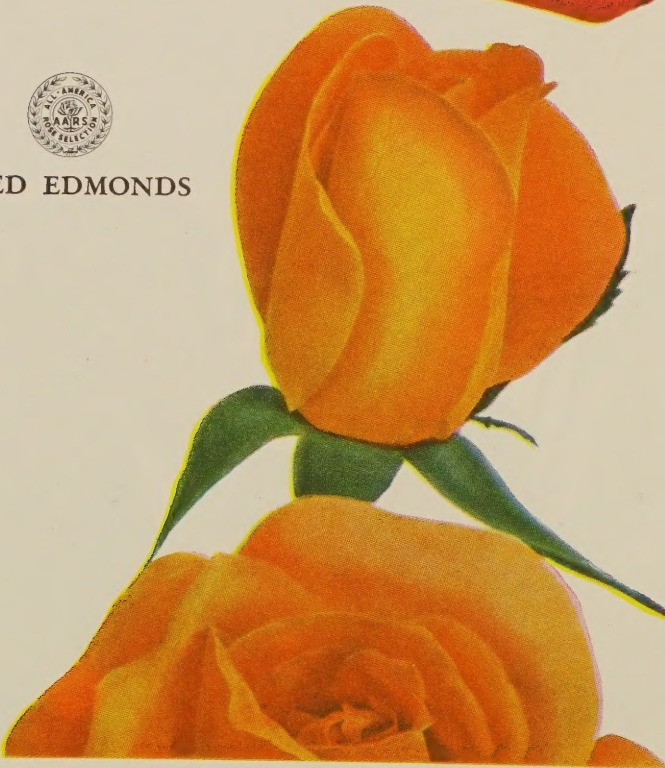
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